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NETWORK NEW HAMPSHIRE NOW HOSTS NEW ENGLAND BTOP RECIPIENTS

New England Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (BTOP) recipients gathered on October 13, 2011 at the University of New Hampshire in Durham to discuss progress, challenges, and sustainability of the networks in construction in the region.

Representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts were in attendance. A key outcome of the day-long meeting focused on the interconnection of the BTOP networks in development in northern New England and the strengthening of the relationships between each state's efforts.

Topics at the conference included match funding sources, network valuations, audit requirements and preparation, route change processing, Make-Ready challenges, community outreach, and operating plans. The team is making preparations for a follow-up gathering in May 2012 to track progress and prepare for the post-BTOP period of performance.



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NNHN Attends Mid Course Conference in Cleveland, OH October 5-7

Network NH Now participated in a nationwide gathering of over 400 BTOP recipients hosted by One Community Group of Cleveland, Ohio and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Representatives from NH FastRoads, the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, and New Hampshire Optical Systems were on hand to learn about best practices in creating and sustaining the network assets currently being constructed.